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## **Governor Musgrove Awards \$157,760 Grant to Itawamba County**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$157,760 Economic Development Grant to Itawamba County on behalf of Peoploungers, Inc.

“We gladly support the efforts of communities striving to promote the tremendous resources we have to attract jobs and a higher quality of life for our citizens,” said Governor Musgrove.

The funds are administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

“The CDBG program enriches the partnership between the state and the communities that are striving to create opportunities for business and industrial development,” said Steve Hale, Executive Director of Mississippi Development Authority.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Among the division’s goals are assisting communities in analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, involving their leadership in economic development, planning development strategies, strengthening development organizations, and implementing and financing community projects. The Community Services Division also administers other Economic Development grant and loan programs.

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